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AMTRAK ADDS MORE *WOLVERINE SERVICE* TRAINS FOR THANKSGIVING TRAVEL TO AND FROM MICHIGAN

Special Kalamazoo/Ann Arbor trains this holiday season;
Book now for these services and additional capacity on other routes

CHICAGO – In anticipation of its busiest travel week of the year, Amtrak is adding more trains between Chicago and Michigan – and since posting its ninth year of record-breaking ridership – America's Railroad® is encouraging passengers to plan ahead for Thanksgiving travel and book their tickets now for best availability and pricing.

The busiest travel days that are likely to sell out are the Tuesday and Wednesday before and the Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving. Passengers can also consider traveling on less-busy days such as the Monday before or the Friday and Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday, when more availability and price options could be available.

Amtrak will offer two additional eastbound and one additional westbound *Wolverine Service* trains between Chicago and Kalamazoo/Ann Arbor, Mich., on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 21. Amtrak will operate two additional *Wolverine Service* round-trips daily between Chicago and Kalamazoo/Ann Arbor on Friday, Nov. 23, on Saturday, Nov. 24, and on Sunday, Nov. 25.

Amtrak ordinarily offers three daily round-trips through Ann Arbor and four daily round-trips through Kalamazoo, with all these trains operating at top speeds of 110 mph through parts of Indiana and Western Michigan. Please see the schedules below for Trains 356-359 and the attached schedules for all Amtrak services in Michigan.

In preparation for the anticipated heavy holiday passenger volume, Amtrak will also operate every available passenger rail car in its fleet and is scheduling extra trains to accommodate additional passengers in the Northeast, Midwest, and on the West Coast.

More than 724,000 passengers traveled on Amtrak trains for the Thanksgiving holiday in 2011, the most ever for the holiday. Amtrak announced last week it carried more than 31.2 million passengers in the 12 months ending September 30, marking its highest-ever ridership.

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A year-to-year comparison of the 2012 and 2011 fiscal years (Oct.-Sept) shows nationwide ridership grew 3.5 percent to a new record of 31,240,565 passengers and ticket revenue jumped 6.8 percent to a best-ever \$2.02 billion. In addition, Amtrak system-wide on-time performance increased to 83 percent.

About Amtrak®:

Amtrak is America's Railroad®, the nation's intercity passenger rail service and its high-speed rail operator. A record 31.2 million passengers traveled on Amtrak in FY 2012 on more than 300 daily trains – at speeds up to 150 mph (241 kph) – that connect 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian Provinces. Amtrak operates intercity trains in partnership with 15 states and contracts with 13 commuter rail agencies to provide a variety of services. Enjoy the journey® at Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information. Join us on facebook.com/Amtrak and follow us at twitter.com/Amtrak.

(special schedules below, regular schedules attached)

**Amtrak Thanksgiving Holiday 2012 Schedules
Effective Nov. 21-26 ONLY**

Wolverine Service		
Amtrak Train 356		
All Times Local		Days of Operation WeFrSaSu
9:00 a.m.	Dp	Chicago
11:39 a.m.	Dp	New Buffalo, Mich.
12:03 p.m.	Dp	Niles, Mich.
12:37 p.m.	Dp	Kalamazoo, Mich.
1:09 p.m.	Dp	Battle Creek, Mich.
2:00 p.m.	Dp	Jackson, Mich.
3:00 p.m.	Ar	Ann Arbor, Mich.

Wolverine Service		
Amtrak Train 357		
All Times Local		Days of Operation ThFrSaSuMo
6:15 a.m.	Dp	Kalamazoo, Mich.
6:40 a.m.	Dp	Dowagiac, Mich.
6:52 a.m.	Dp	Niles, Mich.
7:12 a.m.	Dp	New Buffalo, Mich.
6:22 a.m.	Dp	Michigan City, Ind.
7:45 a.m.	Ar	Chicago

Wolverine Service		
Amtrak Train 358		
All Times Local		Days of Operation WeThFrSaSu
10:00 p.m.	Dp	Chicago
11:01 p.m.	Dp	Michigan City, Ind.
12:12 a.m.	Dp	New Buffalo, Mich.
12:35 a.m.	Dp	Niles, Mich.
12:46 a.m.	Dp	Dowagiac, Mich.
1:30 a.m.	Ar	Kalamazoo, Mich.

Wolverine Service		
Amtrak Train 359		
All Times Local		Days of Operation WeFrSaSu
4:05 p.m.	Dp	Ann Arbor, Mich.
4:45 p.m.	Dp	Jackson, Mich.
5:44 p.m.	Dp	Battle Creek, Mich.
6:15 p.m.	Dp	Kalamazoo, Mich.
6:51 p.m.	Dp	Niles, Mich.
7:12 p.m.	Dp	New Buffalo, Mich.
7:45 p.m.	Ar	Chicago

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

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WOLVERINE SERVICE and BLUE WATER

Wolverine	Wolverine	Blue Water	Wolverine	◀ Train Name ▶					Wolverine	Blue Water	Wolverine	Wolverine
350	352	364	354	◀ Train Number ▶					351	365	353	355
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	◀ Normal Days of Operation ▶					Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
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Read Down				Mile	▼		Symbol	▲	Read Up			
7 20A	12 50P	4 00P	6 00P	0	Dp	Chicago, IL—Union Station	●●QR	Ar	10 47A	11 45A	3 58P	10 57P
7 47A	1 17P			16		Hammond-Whiting, IN	○●	▲			L3 10P	L10 08P
	1 57P		7 00P	52		Michigan City, IN	○					9 34P
9 37A	3 09P	6 10P	8 12P	62		New Buffalo, MI	○			11 24A	3 28P	10 24P
10 07A	3 33P	6 33P	8 35P	89		Niles, MI (South Bend)	●●			11 03A	2 58P	10 03P
10 17A		6 43P		102		Dowagiac, MI	○			10 50A		9 51P
10 55A	4 08P	7 12P	9 10P	138		Kalamazoo, MI	●●QR		9 35A	10 25A	2 25P	9 26P
						☞ Traverse City, St. Ignace—see back						☞8 30P
11 27A	4 40P		9 47P	160	Ar	Battle Creek, MI	●●QR	Dp	9 02A	9 54A	1 54P	8 55P
☞12 30P		7 44P	☞10 30P	208		East Lansing, MI	●●QR	Ar		8 28A	☞11 40A	☞5 50P
☞1 50P		8 56P	☞11 45P	238		Durand, MI	○●QR	▲		7 47A		
		9 42P		256		Flint, MI	●●			7 11A	☞10 30A	☞4 00P
☞3 40P		10 07P	☞12 40A	274		Lapeer, MI	○●			6 45A		
		10 36P		319	Ar	Port Huron, MI	●●QR*	Dp		6 00A		
	☞5 08P			184	Dp	Albion, MI	○●	Ar			☞1 21P	
12 18P	5 33P		10 37P	205		Jackson, MI	●●QR	▲	8 08A		12 58P	8 01P
1 05P	6 16P		11 20P	243		Ann Arbor, MI	●●QR	▲	7 26A		12 17P	7 21P
				271		Greenfield Village, MI ☒	○					
L1 35P	L6 46P		L11 51P	273		Dearborn, MI	●●QR	Ar	6 51A		11 43A	6 45P
L2 04P	L7 13P		L12 18A	281	Ar	Detroit, MI	●●QR	Dp	6 28A		11 20A	6 23P
					Dp			Ar	6 25A		11 17A	6 20P
L2 28P	L7 37P		L12 42A	292		Royal Oak, MI	○QR	▲	6 05A		10 57A	6 00P
L2 36P	L7 44P		L12 49A	296		Birmingham, MI	○		5 58A		10 49A	5 53P
3 03P	8 12P		1 19A	304	Ar	Pontiac, MI	○●	Dp	5 45A		10 35A	5 40P

Service on Wolverine Service® and Blue WaterSM

-  **Coaches:** Reservations required.
-  **Business class:** Complimentary non-alcoholic beverage and newspaper.
-  **Café:** Sandwiches, snacks and beverages.
-  Indian Trails Thruway Connection available between Battle Creek, East Lansing and Flint.
-  Stop is available for group travel only; reservations required.
- * Quik-Trak machine is located at the Blue Water Area convention & Visitors Bureau, 520 Thomas Edison Parkway, next to Thomas Edison Inn, approximately five miles from the station.

Golf Bags: A limited number of spaces are available to transport golf bags to/from all stations served by Wolverine Service and Blue Water trains. Reservations are required; nominal charges apply; passenger assists with loading, stowing and unloading.

Smoking is prohibited.

Trails and Rails Program: In cooperation with the National Park Service, volunteer rangers from the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore provide a narrative between Chicago and Niles on Trains 352 and 353; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; between October 9 through October 18. Seasonal programs and schedules are subject to change. Visit nps.gov/trailsandrails and amtraktoparks.com.

The Blue Water is financed primarily through funds made available by the Michigan State Department of Transportation.

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Reserved Corridor service

Thruway and connecting services



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



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370	◀ Train Number ▶					371
Daily	◀ Normal Days of Operation ▶					Daily
	◀ On Board Service ▶					
Read Down	Mile			Symbol		Read Up
4 55P	0	Dp	Chicago, IL—Union Station (CT)	● & QT	Ar	10 38A
7 38P	89		St. Joseph-Benton Harbor, MI (ET)	○ QT		9 44A
8 14P	116		Bangor, MI (South Haven)	○		9 07A
8 56P	151		Holland, MI	○ & QT		8 26A
9 55P	176	Ar	Grand Rapids, MI (ET)	○ & QT	Dp	7 40A

Service on Pere Marquette®

-  **Coaches:** Reservations required.
-  **Cafe:** Sandwiches, snacks and beverages.

Golf Bags: A limited number of spaces are available to transport golf bags to/from all stations served by the Pere Marquette. Reservations are required; nominal charges apply; passenger assists with loading, stowing and unloading.

Smoking is prohibited.

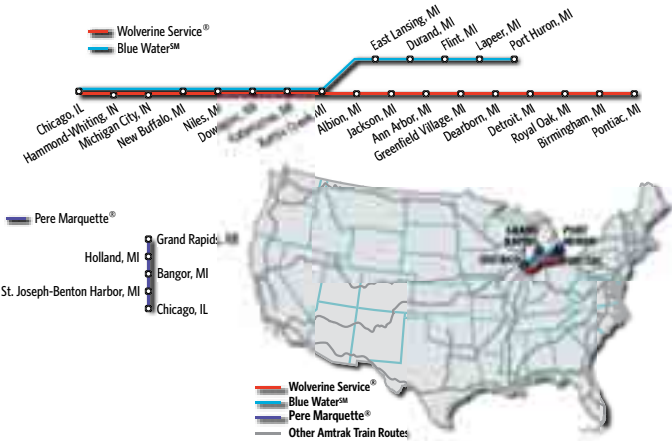
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Make Connections To:

Windsor, Toronto and beyond

✿ VIA operates train service between Windsor and Toronto and intermediate cities. Passengers make own arrangements for transfer between Detroit and Windsor.

WOLVERINE SERVICE, BLUE WATER and PERE MARQUETTE ROUTE MAP and SYMBOLS



- A Time Symbol for A.M.


P Time Symbol for P.M.


D Stops only to discharge passengers; train may leave before time shown.


L Stops to receive and discharge passengers; train may leave before time shown.


R Stops only to receive passengers.


CT Central time


ET Eastern time
-  Bus stop


 Flag stop

 Quik-Trak self-serve ticketing kiosk

 Unstaffed station

 Staffed ticket office; may or may not be open for all train departures

 Station wheelchair accessible; no barriers between station and train

 Station wheelchair accessible; not all station facilities accessible

Thruway Connections

Toledo • Detroit • East Lansing *(Trinity Transportation)*

29/49	Connecting Train Number						30/48
6029/6049	Mile	▼	Thruway Number		Symbol	▲	6030/6048
6 30A	0	Dp	Toledo, OH—Amtrak Station		●♿QT	Ar	10 30P
D7 35A	61	Ar	Detroit, MI—Amtrak Station		●♿QT	▲	R9 25P
D7 50A	70	▼	Dearborn, MI—Amtrak Station		●♿QT		R9 10P
D8 40A	106		Ann Arbor, MI—Amtrak Station		●♿QT		R8 20P
D9 25A	143		Jackson, MI—Amtrak Station		●♿QT		R7 35P
10 05A	182	Ar	East Lansing, MI—Amtrak Station		●♿QT	Dp	6 55P

Battle Creek/Kalamazoo • Flint • Saginaw • Bay City • Cheboygan *(Indian Trails)*

8150	8354	Thruway Number						8353	8555
Daily	Daily	Mile	▼	Days of Operation		Symbol	▲	Daily	Daily
		0	Dp	Kalamazoo, MI (ET) —Amtrak Station		●♿	Ar		8 30P
		29	▼	Grand Rapids, MI		○♿	▲		7 35P
12 30P	10 30P	51		Battle Creek, MI		●♿		1 00P	
1 50P	11 45P	79		East Lansing, MI		●♿QT		11 40A	5 50P
2 35P		111		Owosso, MI		○♿			5 00P
3 40P	12 40A	132		Flint, MI		●♿		10 30A	4 00P
4 45P		163		Saginaw, MI		○♿			3 05P
5 20P		176		Bay City, MI		○♿			2 30P
7 25P		218		Tawas City, MI		○			12 52P
9 33P		268		Alpena, MI		○			11 20A
10 45P		345	Ar	Cheboygan, MI (ET)		○	Dp		9 30A

Kalamazoo • Traverse City • Sault Ste. Marie *(Indian Trails)*

8364	Thruway Number						8365
Daily	Mile	▼	Days of Operation		Symbol	▲	Daily
3 30P	0	Dp	Kalamazoo, MI—Amtrak Sta. (ET)		●♿	Ar	5 30P
5 15P	64	▼	Rockford, MI		○	▲	3 40P
5 43P	85		Howard City, MI		○♿		3 05P
6 03P	106		Big Rapids, MI		○♿		2 40P
6 30P	130		Reed City, MI		○		2 05P
7 25P	147		Cadillac, MI		○♿		1 10P
7 40P	176		Manton, MI		○		12 50P
8 05P	168		Kingsley, MI		○		12 25P
8 35P	192		Traverse City, MI		○♿		11 55A
9 50P	253		Charlevoix, MI		○		10 35A
10 17P	270		Petoskey, MI		○		10 10A
10 57P	288		Pellston, MI		○		9 35A
11 30P	305		Mackinaw City, MI		○		9 05A
11 45P	312		St. Ignace, MI		○		8 50A
1 13A	363	Ar	Sault Ste. Marie, MI (ET)		○	Dp	7 40A

Kalamazoo • Grand Rapids *(Indian Trails)*

8364	Thruway Number						8555
Daily	Mile	▼	Days of Operation		Symbol	▲	Daily
3 30P	0	Dp	Kalamazoo, MI—Amtrak Sta. (ET)		●	Ar	8 30P
4 25P	50	Ar	Grand Rapids, MI—Amtrak Sta. (ET)		○	Dp	7 35P

Shading Key

Thruway and connecting services

See other side for Route Map and Symbols.



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